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MATERIAL AND METHOD

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to receipt of the first Office Action. Copies of all but the following cited references are enclosed.

1. Lehtenen et al., "Soft Tissue Response to Hydroxyapatite Particles of Different Shapes in Rabbit Tibia," J. Oral Maxillofac. Surg., 1990, pp. 48:1075-1078
2. "Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences," Gennaro, Ed., 18th Edition, 1990, pp. 1304-1305 and 1316
3. Van Vlack et al., "Elements of Materials Science," Addison Wesley (1964) pp. 379-380
4. Dental Implants, in Bioceramics of Calcium Phosphate, Klaas deGroot, (ed), CRC Press, pp. 115-129 (1983)

5. Hench, "Ceramics in Substitutive and Reconstructive Surgery," Elsevier Science Publishers B.V. (1991) pp. 259-274
6. Caro et al., "The Mechanics of the Circulation," Oxford University Press (1978) p. 156

These references were previously submitted in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/288,999 of which this application is a continuation-in-part. The Applicants respectfully request that copies of these references be taken from 09/288,999.

It is believed that these references either taken alone or in combination do not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicants. However, it is the Applicants' desire to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. The Applicants specifically reserve all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter and submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. Moreover, submission of this document should not be considered an admission that the references cited herein are proper prior art to the aforementioned application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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